

CAL BURDINE FAMILY

Wylie Calhoun Burdine (called Cal), son of Wylie Richard Burdine 1814-1890) and Elizia (Shumphert) Burdine (1818-1886), was born January 11, 1859, in Itawamba County near Nettleton, Mississippi. Cal's father and paternal grandfather were Methodist preachers. Cal married Lucy Davis Monts November 12, 1879. Davis was the daughter of Isaac Monts (1832-1924) and Lucy Ann (Francis) Monts (1831-1900) and was born April 17, 1861, in Itawamba County, Mississippi. The fathers of Cal and Davis served in the Confederate Army.

Cal and his wife Davis had seven children born in Mississippi, Sample Earl (1880-1946), Jimmie Davis (1882-1973), Elizia Agnes (1883-1884), Daisy Golden (1885-1972), Marvin Calhoun (1887-1965), Anna May (1889-1941), and Richard Baxter (b. 1892).

Cal was a farmer, and after repeated crop failures he and Davis and their six children left Mississippi in 1892 and moved by train to Barry, Texas, and arrived in time to pick cotton. Another child, Terrie Evalyn (1894-1896), was born and died there. They lived in Barry four years, making enough money to buy a team of mules and farming equipment. They rented land in Tupelo, Texas, from Dr. Lowery and two years later bought sixty acres of it.

Cal's brother, Jimmie D. Burdine, and Davis' three brothers, Willie A. (Tupelo postmaster), Lewis, and Isaac Monts also settled with their families in Tupelo.

Cal and Davis were devoted workers in the Tupelo Methodist Church. Their children married and settled on farms in Tupelo, except Anna May. Their children's families are as follows: Sample married L. Monroe Williams in 1902. They had three children, Corinne Clala (1903-1968), Norbon Barcus (b. 1906), and Bertie Lue (b. 1916). Norbon taught school at Tupelo.

Jim married Addie Bowden in 1904, and had two daughters, Josie Davis (1908-1930) and Jimmie Ruth (b. 1910). History of Jim and Addie's family is recorded in "The J. D. Burdine Family."

Golden married Herbert E. Hervey in 1900 and had three children, Albert Burdine (b. 1901), Herbert Auvin (b. 1909), and Ruby Agnes (b. 1913). Herbert and Golden had a grocery store at Tupelo.

Anna May married Jethro V. Williams in 1912 and lived in Navarro County about twenty years. They had six children, Donald Calhoun (b. 1913), Anna Vivan (b. 1914), Clovis Eugene (1916-1933), Jethro Vernon (1918-1939), Robert Abijah (b. 1921), and Orville Odell (b. 1922).

Marvin served in the 36th Division overseas in World War I. He married Bessie McMullan in 1920. They had no children.

Baxter married Maud Edmundson in 1917 and had two children, Richard Baxter, Jr. (b. 1918) and Joan (b. 1929). Richard served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Cornelia Walker and their home is in Dallas. They have two children, Larry Neil

and Sherry Lyn, and three grandchildren. History of Joan's family is recorded in "Sidney Erroll Ellington Family." Baxter and Maud still reside in Tupelo and will observe their sixtieth wedding anniversary this year.

Cal died June 21, 1924. Davis lived with Baxter and his family until she died November 20, 1957, at age ninety-six.

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